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This book was written to help teachers, librarians, and anyone else working with young people find books of fiction in a particular genre that will interest their readers. The books reviewed represent the best and the most popular children's fiction published in the United States since 1990. Titles included will appeal to children who like fiction based on a particular subject but who are not necessarily looking for similar story lines or characters in each book. Popular paperback series are also included. The primary audience for the books is children reading at the third through eighth grade levels. The first chapter, entitled "Reading for Life," discusses establishing the reading habit and includes useful Internet sites. The following chapters present books in several genres: (1) adventure; (2) animals; (3) contemporary life, including families and family life, family relations, friends and friendship, schools, ethnic groups, and problem novels such as divorce and death; (4) fantasy and science fiction; (5) historical fiction, including the Anglo-Saxon period, Middle Ages, Renaissance, sixteenth century, seventeenth century, eighteenth century, nineteenth century and frontier life, and twentieth century; and (6) mysteries, including crime, mystery and detective stories, ghosts, supernatural, and humor. Each entry includes age level, number of pages, ISBN, other titles for series or companion novels, awards, and an annotation. Includes author/title and subject indexes. (MES)

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